



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Kunio YONENO et al.

Group Art Unit: 2673

Application No.: 10/611,923

Examiner: P. DHARIA

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Docket No.: 108570.01

For: INPUT DEVICE USING TAPPING SOUND DETECTION

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the March 15, 2006 Office Action, and in consideration of the June 13, 2006 personal interview with the Examiner, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies shown to Applicants' representative by Examiner Dharia during the June 13 personal interview. Applicants' separate record of the substance of the personal interview is contained in the following remarks.

Claims 1-19 are pending in this application. The Office Action, in paragraph 7, indicates that claims 13 and 17 recite allowable subject matter. Specifically, the Office Action indicates that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the features of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants appreciate this indication of allowability, but respectfully submit that at least independent claims 12 and 16, from which claims 13 and 17 respectively directly depend, are allowable for at least the reasons indicated below.